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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the imprisonment of Yuri Orlov

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to its resolution 'on the conviction of the physicist Yuri Orlov, co-founder of the 'Public Group to assist the Fulfilment of the Helsinki Accords in the Soviet Union'\*
- B - having regard to the Final Act of the Helsinki Accords which in Article VII states that the 'participating States will respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief,... They confirm the right of the individual to know and to act upon his rights and duties in this field',
- C - having regard to the fact that the physicist Yuri Orlov, chairman of the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group was, in 1977, convicted of 'anti-Soviet agitation' and sentenced to seven years in a strict regime labour camp followed by five years of internal exile for defending the principles laid down in the Helsinki Accords,
- D - having regard to the fact that Yuri Orlov has since, because he tried to continue his scientific work within prison, been subjected to increasing duress and has often been placed in isolation for long periods of time,
1. Reaffirms that Article VII on 'Respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief' is one of the key articles of the Helsinki Accords;
  2. Calls upon the Foreign Ministers of the Member States meeting in political cooperation to take all necessary steps to ensure that the Soviet Union liberates Yuri Orlov, immediately and unconditionally;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers of the Member States meeting in political cooperation, the Council of Ministers, the Commission and the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

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\*OJ No. C 182, 31.7.78, p. 40